

FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2008

The meeting was held on April 16, 2008. Those present were: Dana Escott, Richard Woods, Nick Novich, Kay and Corky Vonbergen, Troy Martin, Tom Leo, Pete Novich, Dawn Hagedorn, Sheila Kirkpatrick, Susan Nelson, David Schulz, Dan Kenworthy, Jan Bowey and Jill Allen.

Minutes from March 19, 2008 were read and approved, Richard motioned and Troy seconded, approved.

The bills were presented.

Correspondence from Nancy Matheson was read by Troy regarding the roping chute. A Thank you for \$75 discussed for Norm from Canada who donated for camping.

Discussion started about the new roping chute which brought up the procedural letter which was Line Item #3 on the Agenda. The board would like to see the correct procedures followed to have things run smoothly. Anything not on the scheduled agenda may be discussed but it has to be on the Agenda to be voted on, or Troy said for anything special that people need action on before a scheduled meeting, there needs to be a special meeting called for that purpose so that the public can be notified. Troy advised Pete that a special meeting could be called in order to vote on the chute since 3RAC did not ask to put it on the agenda at this meeting. Dave Schulz came in to the meeting at this time. Pete said new chute was approximately \$1,650 with trade in or \$1,950 without trade. Schulz suggested to put the chute on this meeting and get this issue resolved. Nick made motion and Troy seconded it that 3RAC go ahead with the purchase of the new chute.

Richard advised he was tired of the MOU and the bickering and wants everyone to just get along and go forward. Susan and Dana discussed the minor changes and the Board agreed to sign the MOU and send it up to the commissioners for their signature. The Board will review the MOU annually, Tom made a motion and Richard seconded it. Approved.

Dan Kenworthy and Jan Bowey discussed the hog barn wiring. Dan said some wiring is updated, but for the most part the building is a hazard and there needs to be a new panel and distribution source and new caged lights for safety. He said he would donate his time to disconnect the power if we could get volunteers to rip out all the old stuff. Jan said there was a workshop scheduled for May 31, 2008. Dan suggested painting would brighten up the barn. The board would like double the lights that already exist in the barn. Dan will put together a proposal for Dana.

Jill Allen presented a list of judging fees around the state and it was discussed that our judging fees were too low. It is getting harder to find judges. Troy made a motion and Nick seconded it that we pay the large animal judges \$100 plus mileage, the dog judge \$50 and the small animal judges \$30 plus mileage.

The Lott property: Laree Lott offered the county the approximately 10 acres for \$35,000. Discussion is that it is a desirable piece of property for the County to purchase and Schulz said it was an incredible deal and fair. Schulz said there needs to be an easement for the walking path in the buy/sell documents. Richard made the motion and Nick seconded it that we move forward to purchase the property. Approved. The Fair Board would like to recommend to the commissioners that the Fair Board purchase the approximately 10 acres for \$35,000 and be put on the Commissioners next Agenda.

Tom Leo advised that he did not want to be paid for his mileage for the meetings and wants to volunteer his time to the Board.

Discussion on the roping cattle is that there have been complaints about overgrazing. There are too many cattle for what feed there is. Kay wants the Lott property to rest. The cattle need to be moved in order for all the outer arena fields to have a rest. Nick suggested dry lotting the cattle and Richard advised that the Board does not want the cattle dry lotted on the fairgrounds because of the smell, flies, etc. A suggestion was made that Pete talk to George Trischman and see if maybe Hamilton Ranches would lease 10-15 acres to 3RAC for some additional pasture for the roping steers.

Elections were held, Richard motioned and Tom seconded for Troy to be Chairman of the Board, motion carried, passed.

Richard motioned and Nick seconded for Tom Leo to be Vice Chair, motioned carried, passed.

Fair board meetings will be moved to the 3rd Thursday of the month, next meeting will be May 15, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Escott